

Unapproved Minutes Emmet County Board of Supervisor Minutes  
November 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting  
Board Room, Courthouse

Present: John Pluth, Chair  
Jeff Quastad Vice-Chair  
Roger Hash  
Tim Schumacher  
Todd Glasnapp

Absent:

Pluth, Chair, called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to approve the minutes from last week's meeting, also approving them for publication. All ayes, motion carried.

During public forum, Pluth spoke of the Corridor banquet meeting that he and Hash attended at the Clay County Events Center. At the meeting, they passed around a financial review. The Events Center is talking of doing a full audit this year. Both Pluth and Hash stated that this Event Center is an amazing facility. Hash spoke of an event center also built in Sheldon.

Reefer is spraying the trees in the drainage districts at this time. A person has complained to Quastad about spraying at this time of year and he wanted to inform the Board.

At 9:10 a.m., the Board held the second-tier canvass for the City/School Election held on November 5, 2019. This second-tier canvass is for the Estherville-Lincoln Central and North Union School Boards. After receiving the Abstract of Votes from the shared counties for the school districts, the Board certified the results. It was moved by Hash, seconded by Schumacher, to accept the second-tier canvass. All ayes, motion carried. The final results and the winners on the School Boards are as follows:

## **SECOND-TIER CANVASS OF ABSTRACT OF VOTES -NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

### **ESTHERVILLE-LINCOLN CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD**

#### **DIRECTORS**

<b><u>CANDIDATE</u></b>	<b><u>VOTES</u></b>
KATHY BEERNINK	445
ANTHONY CONDON	581
GORDON JUHL	647
KATHY MILLER CORNWALL	445
TYLER RUSE	299
JEFF SOPER	737

#### **THE BOARDS' CANVASS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:**

JEFF SOPER, GORDON JUHL & ANTHONY CONDON

### **NORTH-UNION SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR DISTRICT III**

<b><u>CANDIDATE</u></b>	<b><u>VOTES</u></b>
TRAVIS NIELSEN	464

#### **NORTH-UNION SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

MICHAEL BIERSTEDT	440
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#### **BOARDS' CANVASS RESULTED IN WINNERS BEING:**

TRAVIS NIELSEN & MICHAEL BIERSTEDT

Bob Shaw and Julie Scheib, representing Discovery House Inc., came before the Board to discuss the resident demographics from October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2019, at the Discovery House. Discovery House served 127 residents over 14 Iowa counties and a few people from the State of Minnesota and Nebraska, with 11% coming from Emmet County (all from City of Estherville). During last year, they saw more male residents, with the ratio being .67 males and .33 females. Schumacher asked Shaw and Scheib, what do you see as your goal here. Scheib stated they are a sober house and a homeless shelter; those people can come and stay for 6 months. The people are required to sign a contract, get a job, go to meetings, do chores and get along with one another.

Shaw stated that when a person comes in, they are in bad shape. Discovery House gets a police report. Many people coming in have no money and we charge them \$50 a week. We extend them credit, if they do not have the monthly payment until they get a job. There are many requirements that they have to meet. If individuals are there to help themselves, then this is the place to be. Lately

though, with all the county facilities and state's special needs facilities being affected with closings, we have become a dumping ground and we cannot do that. We found that other service groups are looking towards us and that is not what we do.

Hash asked do you work with employees to try to get jobs. Scheib stated that we send them to an employment agency and this has always worked for them.

Revenue from the Daniel House last year was about \$13,000 and is not shown on the handout that was presented today. The Daniel House is not completely finished. Shaw stated that the projected budget next year for Discovery House, Inc., is approximately \$130,000.

Pluth stated he is a big fan and likes the Discovery House Program and what you are doing with it, the other Supervisors agreed.

Scheib stated that they have had quite a few in-kind donations for the Daniel House, which have been amazing. Last year the Board gave Discovery House \$2,000 and they are asking for at least that amount for the upcoming year, if not more. Shaw stated whatever you, as a Board, could contribute, we appreciate it and we will make good use of the funds.

Amy M. Sathoff, Auditor, presented the post-election audit results of the November 5, 2019 combined City/School Election. The post-election audit was held on November 14, 2019. The Secretary of State's Office chose an audit of Estherville's Ward 5 for Emmet County. The audit consisted of a hand-count of the first race listed on the ballot for Ward 5, which in this case, was Mayor for the City of Estherville.

Presented from the Auditor's office was the Certification of costs for the recent City/School Election held on November 5, 2019. It was moved by Glasnapp, seconded by Schumacher, to accept the certified costs for City/School Election held on November 5, 2019. All ayes, motion carried.

**COSTS FOR THE CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION PER ENTITY**

ESTHERVILLE-LINCOLN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$2,051.95
NORTH-UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$881.50
GRAETTINGER-TERRIL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$630.81
IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$2,350.03
CITY OF ARMSTRONG	\$744.36
CITY OF GRUVER	\$626.02
CITY OF RINGSTED	\$663.27
CITY OF DOLLIVER	\$625.85
CITY OF ESTHERVILLE	\$6,910.42
CITY OF WALLINGFORD	\$645.67
<b>GRAND TOTAL- COSTS FOR CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION</b>	<b>\$16,129.88</b>

Sathoff also presented information on the County Social Service (CSS) Van. The van is a 2013 Grand Caravan van. It was suggested if the the van could be purchased by the County and used for elections, but after the last election, the workers decided that the trailer the Auditor's office rented for delivering equipment worked great, not having to lift up the equipment into a pickup. The van has a broken windshield, bad battery, etc. Pluth stated the question is does Emmet County need a van, would other offices utilize this van. Pluth stated that with other people using the van, no one really takes care of the van, in his opinion. Sathoff checked with Nancy Danielson and it would cost the County \$250 to fix the windshield.

It was shared by Pluth with the Board with the upcoming relocation of Upper Des Moines from the County annex building that they share with Emmet County Public Health, that Kathy Preston; Public Health Nurse would like to use the extra space for STD Testing. This way the testing space could be left up all the time and they would not have to go to an area church in order to have this testing they would have it right at their office space. Preston also stated that she would be willing to share some space with the Auditor's office for election supplies storage.

Shari Kastein from the Family Crisis Center came before the Board and explained what they do for Emmet County. The Attorney General's office did some reorganization of services several years ago. In our region for Emmet County, we have 61 current clients seeking services at this time. Kastein stated we have no boundaries and we are here to help the family. Our specially trained advocates support victims and survivors through crisis situations and stick with them for as long as they need, even after the crisis is resolved. We work with victims and survivors to create safety plans and file protection orders. She stated that they have been in Emmet County for 6-7 years. Kastein came and talked with the Board last summer and is requesting the Board to consider a dollar amount for the next FY to help protect Emmet County's citizens. Kastein stated that we are trying to diversify our money so we are not totally dependent upon federal funds. The Board will consider her funding request at budget time.

The Board was presented the 2019 Weed Commissioner's report. Emmet County's Weed Commissioner, Roxanne Christensen, was unable to be at today's meeting. It was moved by Schumacher, seconded by Hash, to accept the weed commissioner's report and forward to the Iowa Department of AG and Land Stewardship. All ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a statement made out to the Martin County Auditor for \$1,640.00, for Martin County's share of DD#121 main ditch cleaning around the Grass Lake area, per drainage agreement signed on May 2, 2017. It was moved by Quastad, seconded by Glasnapp, to approve and sign this bill and send to Martin County. All ayes, motion carried.

Matthew Horihan, Executive Director CAASA (Centers against Abuse and Sexual Assault), came before the Board to explain their program. He stated that our clients depend on your support to allow us to provide them with vital sexual abuse victim advocacy at one of the most vulnerable points in their lives. He stated that we serve as a hub for victims to work with law enforcement and health care providers.

Horihan is asking counties to fund at a higher level, if they can, next FY. Last year funding from Emmet County was \$4,300 and he is asking the Board to consider funding of \$5,100 next FY. He stated that the State has regionalized everything. He stated Emmet County has an office in Estherville at the Estherville Lutheran Church. Horihan stated it is very rare for an office to be in a rural area. CAASA served 40 clients in Emmet County last year. He stated we serve 19 counties and Emmet County is in the top 4-5 for client service. The Board will consider CAASA's request at budget time. Horihan thanked the Board for their time.

Nancy Danielson and Cody Newgard, Blum and Leonard Agency, Inc, came before the Board to discuss the insurance renewal for the County with ICAP (Iowa Counties Assurance Pool), they are headquartered in Iowa for Iowans. This is Emmet County's seventh year with ICAP, so Emmet County is now fully vested and this amount can be applied towards the premiums. It brings you back down; to the premiums, you were paying in 2015-16 stated Danielson.

Replacement-cost premiums were discussed. Quastad stated the value of a new machine goes down in value quickly. Quastad will have the Engineer, Walter Davis-Oeth, look into this. Danielson will look into this situation also.

Danielson said as a taxpayer and your agent she is pleased with the renewal figures. She stated that ICAP knows what they are doing and are doing a very good job. ICAP insures the majority of all the Counties in Iowa.

Danielson wanted to inform the Board of a few things that ICAP does:

- Offer \$1,000 grants each year (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year);
- In addition, EMA and 911 now have their own policy and they are also eligible for the \$1,000 grant;
- New coverage that they have is active assailant coverage, this coverage rolled over to our insurance policy on May 1, 2019;
- They offer regional law enforcement training, right now law enforcement's biggest challenge is dealing with the mentally ill;
- They have training grants to develop policies;
- They will be adding a builder risk policy for the Sheriff's new building;
- They offer other educational opportunities;
- They offer cyber security, they offer an action plan; \$250,000 is what the County currently has for coverage, to change to 1 million coverage would cost the County an additional \$2,680 per year. This would be for cyber breach and liability insurance for third and first parties.

Newgard spoke of the County's losses and handed out an information sheet on these.

The claims experience has been good stated Danielson. The renewal is due December 1, 2019. The County is at a 2 million liability plus 4 million excess totaling 6 million in liability. To increase to 7 million would be \$1380 a year more.

Hash made the motion to add the cyber breach liability to our policy for an additional \$2680 per year, seconded by Glasnapp. The County's insurance renewal total figure will be \$65,743.36 plus \$2,680 for the cyber breach liability for a total of \$68,423.36. All ayes, motion carried. The Board will keep the County's liability at the 6 million and not increase this coverage at this time.

The Board reviewed the Manure Management Plan (MMP) for Facility Daybreak Foods Oakridge Farm #58698, Owner Daybreak Foods, Inc.

Quastad discussed a conference call last Friday with J-Kraft concerning the Pup Trailers that Emmet County bought this year. J-Kraft told the Engineer and those on the conference call that Emmet County stated what they wanted and they do not make pup trailers like that anymore. J-Kraft wants an extra \$3,000 for the fixing/re-building of the frame on the pup trailers.

County Engineer, Davis-Oeth, wants the trucks to be able to be used and wants to go on but he told J-Kraft that the Board will probably not want to spend the extra \$3,000 and the Board agrees. J-Kraft stated that there would be a problem, because we had a verbal agreement and they want to pass this problem on to the manufacturer of the frame. The manufacturer of the frame stated that he does not think they can make the trailer like we want them. The Board will discuss what the next steps will be. Quastad stated the pup trailers may be becoming a future DOT safety hazard. Litigation would be the last resort. A suggestion was to contact the DOT and ask a professional if this is a safety and or a liability issue. The County would like to see the pups trailers fixed.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Quastad, to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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Colleen Anderson  
Clerk to Board of Supervisors

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John Pluth,  
Chairman